

defended this country as a Paratrooper in the unit known as "America's Guard of Honor," Ray's beloved 82nd Airborne Division. When Ray came home after his military service, he started at the Westinghouse Electric corporation, where his reputation as a "man of the people" became apparent. Ray rose through the ranks and was chosen to represent 4,000 of his labor brothers and sisters as leader of the International Union of Electrical Workers, Local 1581.

In 1988, the 8th District seat in the Erie County Legislature became vacant. After many years of active service in the community and in the Democratic Party, Ray contested and won election that November, representing the residents of the Town of Cheektowaga and the Village of Depew. Over the past 17 years, Republicans and Democrats alike have bowed to the high regard with which this man has been held—Ray has never been seriously challenged for re-election.

Local consumers soon learned that they had no greater defender of their rights than Ray Dusza. Ray led the fight for a new Item Pricing/Scanner Accuracy law for Erie County, to ensure that prices consumers were charged for goods were properly reflecting prices on store shelves. Through Ray's work, scanners in supermarkets, home centers and other retail stores that were estimated to be accurate only 50 percent to 70 percent of the time must now offer consumers 98 percent accuracy. In addition, Ray will always be remembered as the "Coupon King" for his successful fight against the Proctor & Gamble Corporation's attempt to deny local shoppers free access to manufacturer's coupons. Ray fought hard for consumers, residents and taxpayers as Vice Chairman of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee, and as Chairman of two legislative standing committees, the Government Affairs Committee and the Energy and Environment Committee.

Ray Dusza added one more very important element to his service in County Hall: a robust sense of humor. Ray's philosophy was to "be serious about what you do, but don't take yourself too seriously," and he was indeed good to his word. Ray always added a refreshing sense of humor to the deliberations within County Hall, consistently entering committee meetings with the declaration that "the paratroopers have landed," and sarcastically questioning what time the perennially tardy "nine o'clock caucus" would begin.

Ray's dedication to his community was not limited to his role in the Legislature. The following are just a few of the organizations Ray has dedicated his time and energy toward: the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Columbus—Father Justin Council, Polish Falcons Club, American Legion Gierlach Post, Depew/Cheektowaga Taxpayers' Association, AMVETS Buddy Knaus Post, Catholic War Veterans Post 1313, the Ushers Society at St. Philip the Apostle Church, and St. Joseph's Parish Holy Name Society. In addition, Ray is the leader of the eponymously-named "Ray Dusza Booster Club," a grouping of political supporters that Ray sentimentally refers to as his "commandos."

Mr. Speaker, I am a lifelong resident of another great Western New York community—South Buffalo, NY, and the highest compliment that folks can pay to someone from South Buffalo is that they remember where they come from, and remember the people

who sent them to serve in public office. Few public officials remember from whom and from whence they came the way Ray Dusza does. I am delighted that you have allowed me to take a few moments to honor Ray's service to our community here today, and I am honored even more to call Ray Dusza my friend. To Ray, his wife Terry, to their children, grandchildren and to the entire Dusza Family, I want to offer my sincere thanks, and my wishes of good luck and Godspeed for many years to come.

#### CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF PARKER DAVIS WORK

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 17, 2005*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I am happy to congratulate Micki and Ryan Work of Falls Church, Virginia, on the birth of their new baby boy. Parker Davis Work was born in Washington, DC, on October 1, 2005, at 1:32 pm, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring over 19 inches long. He has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future.

His mother Micki serves as a Legislative Assistant in my office and is a tremendous asset to the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. She is extremely knowledgeable about healthcare and other legislative issues, and is a valuable contributor to my decision making process. Today, I am pleased to congratulate the Work family on Parker's birth.

#### CONGRATULATING MRS. SALLIE H. FLAVIN

#### HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 17, 2005*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Sallie Flavin upon her retirement from the Federal Government after more than 30 years of distinguished service.

Mrs. Flavin began her career as a young clerk typist and through years of tenacity and diligence, rose to the top echelons of the federal acquisition community. After a brief stint with the Geological Survey, Mrs. Flavin entered the Air Force Copper Cap Intern Program and soon found herself immersed in the daily welter of the procurement office at Pope AFB in North Carolina. That assignment would prove to be the first rung in a career ladder that Mrs. Flavin would climb to reach the pinnacle of the intricate and demanding realm of defense contract management. Now, some three decades later, she will end her career as a member of the Senior Executive Service and as the deputy director and highest-ranking civilian of the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA). DCMA is a worldwide organization of 11,000 employees responsible for ensuring that the supplies and materials going to our men and women in uniform are delivered on-time and are of the highest quality.

Over the past year, her contribution to the efficacy and integrity of defense acquisition

was particularly notable. She led a high-profile team that investigated and successfully identified recent improprieties at executive levels within the military acquisition community. Moreover, she was recently selected as a recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service, a highly prestigious Executive Branch honor recognizing her unwavering integrity and her role in making her agency a pacesetter in the government's adoption of performance-based management principles.

Having served in high-level positions with the Air Force, the Missile Defense Agency, and the Army Materiel Command, it is indeed fitting that she will end her career while employed with a joint-service agency. During her long run on the defense acquisition stage, she has played key roles in the introduction of many major systems, including the Theatre High Altitude Area Defense Missile System (THAAD), the Space-Based Infrared Systems (SBIRS), the Aegis Missile System, and the Stryker.

During her 3-year tenure as the deputy director of DCMA, Mrs. Flavin demonstrated true result-producing leadership that advanced acquisition excellence within the Defense Department. Additionally, she served as the agency's standard bearer in its campaign to invigorate and refashion its workforce to meet the challenges of today's fast-paced, technology-driven acquisition environment. The indelible mark Mrs. Flavin has left on DCMA will ensure its viability as a combat support agency for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Sallie Flavin for her service to our country. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding her past accomplishments and wishing her and her husband, Mark, the best of luck in all future endeavors.

#### COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN CONVENTION VERY SUCCESSFUL

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 17, 2005*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, the Council of Khalistan, which leads the movement to liberate the Sikh homeland, Khalistan, from Indian occupation, held its annual convention in the Detroit area October 7 through October 9. It was very successful. Delegates came from around the country and from Canada to participate.

I recently made a statement about Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's apology to the Sikh Nation for the Delhi massacres of November 1984 in which over 20,000 Sikhs lost their lives. This established India's culpability for the violence and terror that swept Punjab and other parts of India at that time. That underlines the need for a sovereign Khalistan to put an end to these kinds of acts. Recently, an organization called ENSAAF published a report detailing the ongoing human rights violations committed by Indian security forces in recent-militancy related arrests. From June 2005 to August 2005, Indian police claim to have arrested several dozen individuals on charges that they were trying to "revive militancy" in Punjab. They have been held incommunicado and tortured, according to the report.

In June, 35 Sikhs were arrested and several were charged simply for making speeches in